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REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed May 6, 2003, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1 and 15, drawn to a purified polypeptide, classified in class 530, subclass 350.

Upon entry of this amendment, claims 16-23 will be pending. Claims 1-15 have been canceled and new claims 16-23 have been added herein. Support for new claims 16-23 can be found in originally filed claims 1 and 15 and throughout the specification (*e.g.*, pgs. 13-16, 118, 122-123, 135-137 and 150-151). No new matter has been added.

CONCLUSION

On the basis of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully submit that this paper is fully responsive and that the pending claims are in condition for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested. If there are any questions regarding these amendments and remarks, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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